(b) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDWARDO FELEIRO): (a) No, Sir. However, the difficulties experienced by Indian spouses and dependents in obtaining visas expeditiously have been repeatedly taken up with the U.K. authorities.

(b) The U.K. authorities took note of our points, without proffering any solutions or commitments.

US to give 200 more missiles to Pakistan

567. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news report published in the 'Newstime', dated September 14, 1987, under the heading "US to give Pak 200 more Missiles';

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government of India have conveyed their concern to the Governments of US and Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the response of the US and Pakistan Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Under supplies contracted in 1985-86, Pakistan is receiving some missiles including Sidewinder air to air missiles

(b) Government is taking all necessary steps to ensure India's security.

(c) Government have conveyed to the US Administration that supply of sophisticated arms to Pakistan compels India to divert scarce resources from development to defence and leads to an un-necessary arms race in the subcontinent.

(d) The US Government has stated that security assistance to Pakistan is a response to a perceived threat from Afghanistan and Pakistan's defence modernisation needs and is not directed against India. Government do not share this assessment.

Anti-India blitz in Pak Media

568. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a news report published in the Hindustan Times, dated 22nd September, 1987 under the caption "Anti-India Blitz in Pak media:

(b) if so, whether the Government have conveyed their unhappiness to the Government of Pakistan in this regard; and

(c) the response of the Pak Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c)) The Government of India have taken due note of the anti-India propaganda carried on by the media in Pakistan. The unhappiness of the Government of India in this regard has been conveyed to the Government of Pakistan on several occasions from time to time. The Government of India regret that in spite of these efforts the trend of coverage of news pertaining to India in the Pakistan media continues to be negative and slanted.